

### **ACRYLIC ACID**

### (INHIBITED)

**UN 2218** 

Shipping Name: Acrylic acid, inhibited

Other Names: Acroleic acid

Ethylene carboxylic acid Propenoic acid GAA 2-Propenoic ac

Glacial acrylic acid

Vinyl formic acid



# Propene acid Propenoic acid 2-Propenoic acid Vinyl formic acid

## **WARNING!** • MAY REACT WITH ITSELF BLOCKING RELIEF VALVES LEADING TO TANK EXPLOSION!

#### Hazards:

- Vapors or liquid can cause burns to eyes, nose, skin and lungs
- Fire fighting gear (including SCBA) does not provide adequate protection. If exposure occurs, remove and isolate gear immediately and thoroughly decontaminate personnel
- May react with itself without warning with explosive violence
- Vapors may travel long distances to ignition sources and flash back

### Awareness and Operational Level Training Response:

- Stay upwind and uphill
- Determine the extent of the problem
- Isolate the area of release or fire and deny entry
- For container exposed to fire evacuate the area in all directions because of the risk of BLEVE
- Notify local health and fire officials and pollution control agencies
- If material or contaminated runoff enters waterways, notify downstream users of potentially contaminated water

### **Description:**

- Shipped as a colorless liquid
- Sharp rancid odor
- Initally sinks in water and is soluble in water
- Very flammable
- Freezes at 56° F

### **Operational Level Training Response:**

RELEASE, NO FIRE:

- Stop the release if it can be done safely from a distance
- Prevent material and runoff from entering sewers and waterways if it can be done safely well ahead of the release
- Use large amounts of water to disperse vapors contain runoff
- Consider the application of alcohol resistant (AFFF) foam to spilled liquid to control vapors

#### FIRE:

- Specially trained personnel operating from a safe distance can fight fires using alcohol resistant (AFFF) foam or dry chemical if available in sufficient amounts or use fog streams to extinguish burning liquid or dilute to a nonflammable mixture. Keep exposures cool to protect against re-ignition. Do not direct straight streams into the liquid.
- Cool exposed containers with large quantities of water from unattended equipment or remove intact containers if it can be done safely
- If cooling streams are ineffective (venting sound increases in volume and pitch, tank discolors or shows any signs of deforming), withdraw immediately to a secure location

### **First Aid:**

- Do not put yourself in danger by entering a contaminated area to rescue a victim
- Provide Basic Life Support/CPR as needed
- Decontaminate the victim as follows:
  - Inhalation remove the victim to fresh air and give oxygen if available
  - Skin remove and isolate contaminated clothing (including shoes) and wash skin with soap and large volumes of water for 15 minutes
  - Eye rinse eyes with large volumes of water or saline for 15 minutes
  - Swallowed do not make the victim vomit
- Seek medical attention
- For skin burns decontaminate with water and apply a clean dry dressing

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